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## The Moment is Now



Dear Friends,

When I woke to news of the tragedy in Orlando, I was speechless. You want to let your friends, especially those in the LGBT community, know that you're thinking of them. You want to send your prayers to the families of the victims. [You want to say something](#) that will help ease the pain, or provide some comfort.

But after a seemingly endless stream of tragedies, you realize that words are not enough.

I don't want to just offer "thoughts and prayers" anymore. I want to take action. That's why I was so proud to [join my colleagues for a historic sit-in](#) on the Floor of the House of Representatives to send a message to Republican leadership that we will not be silenced on this issue. Congressman Cicilline and I [continued the call to action in Rhode Island](#), with the support of faith and community leaders and advocates from groups like Moms Demand Action and the Rhode Island Coalition Against Gun Violence. As I explained in an [op-ed last week in the Huffington Post](#), I support the Second

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## Save The Date

### NEWPORT FOLK FESTIVAL

*A RI summertime staple!*

July 22-24, All Day  
Fort Adams State Park  
90 Fort Adams Dr  
Newport

## Did You Know...?

### HELP WANTED

The Rhode Island Department of Labor and Training lists job fairs and recruitment events on their website for Rhode Islanders who are looking for work.  
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### FAST FACT

Rep. Langevin's "All Kids Matter Act" would allow states to use federal foster care dollars for preventative services for at-risk children and families.. >>

## In Other News

### CYBER MINDED

During a cybersecurity symposium, Rep. Langevin commented that strong cybersecurity must be an

Amendment. What I don't support is a system riddled with deficiencies that allows guns to get into the wrong hands. We can, and we must, do more to protect the American people. Sensible reforms, like universal background checks and preventing terrorists from purchasing firearms, are in all of our best interests, including responsible gun owners.

From the U.S. Capitol to the City of Providence, my main message is this: [let us vote on these commonsense reforms](#). Not watered down versions written by the NRA, but the proposals that the majority of Americans support. As legislators, we have a responsibility to be transparent and accountable to our constituents. They should know where we stand and how we voted on every issue, especially one as important as gun violence prevention.

Join the conversation on this and so many other issues on [Twitter](#), [Facebook](#), [YouTube](#) and [Instagram](#).

Sincerely,

*Jim Langevin*



### Remembering Mel

As a longtime public servant and one of the first black women to be elected to the Rhode Island legislature, Mel Benson was a trailblazer. She was also my friend. After all that Mel did for me and for our state, I am so proud that President Obama signed into law a bill [naming the Melvoid J. Benson Memorial Post Office](#). Sadly, Mel passed away just days after I told her the bill would be signed into law, but I'm glad she knew [her legacy would live on](#).



### Always Be Prepared

I was proud to join Senators Reed and Whitehouse and Congressman Cicilline to announce more than [\\$8 million in emergency preparedness funds](#). At a time when we face both increasing national security threats and also more damaging weather events due to climate change, this funding becomes more critical than ever.

integral part of our overall national security strategy. >>

### WELCOME TO RHODY

Along with Governor Raimondo and other state leaders, Rep. Langevin gave a warm welcome to General Electric, as they prepare to open a GE Digital office in Rhode Island. >>

### GONE FISHING

Rep. Langevin joined his colleagues in the delegation to applaud a NOAA decision to provide assistance to Rhode Island fishermen for at-sea monitoring. >>

### WHAT A HACK

As co-chair of the Congressional Cybersecurity Caucus, Rep. Langevin weighed in on the repercussions behind yet another high-profile hack. >>

### DO WHAT'S RIGHT

In the wake of the Orlando shooting, Rep. Langevin said that the victims of gun violence – and the American people – deserve a vote on reforms. >>

### BREXIT REAX

Rep. Langevin shared his thoughts on the vote by the British people to leave the European Union. >>

### PROTECTING KIDS

In his fight against the re-homing of adopted children, Rep. Langevin called for better support services and safety guards before adoptions can dissolve. >>

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